



## What's New at the Alternative Fuels Data Center? August 2005

Listed below are new publications and other information made available in August through the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Alternative Fuels Data Center (AFDC). The AFDC is sponsored by Clean Cities in the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) and is managed by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL). For more information, or if you would like to subscribe to this monthly update, contact Wendy Dafoe at [wendy\\_dafoe@nrel.gov](mailto:wendy_dafoe@nrel.gov) or 303-275-4470.

This update is posted on the web at [www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities/toolbox/current\\_cutting.html](http://www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities/toolbox/current_cutting.html).

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### Newsletters/Magazines

The next edition of Clean Cities' online publication, *Clean Cities Now*, is on its way! You'll find it on the web at the end of September. This issue will feature lots of great information like the new Energy Policy Act, Clean Cities' Billion Gallon Event, and results from the latest Clean Cities survey. To read the latest issue, go to [www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities/ccn/](http://www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities/ccn/). To sign up for email notifications of new issues, [www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities/ccn/subscribe.html](http://www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities/ccn/subscribe.html).

### News

The **National Alternative Fuels Hotline will be moved to the EERE Information Center** on October 1. Phone inquiries can be directed to 877-337-3463 or inquiries can be submitted via the web at [www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities/informationcenter.html](http://www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities/informationcenter.html). The Clean Cities and AFDC Hotline numbers will still work and will ring directly to the Information Center for the next 12-18 months. The Information Center handles a wide variety of inquiries about EERE products and services. Hard copies of most Clean Cities documents can be ordered from the Information Center's online catalog. We are working closely with the EERE Center staff to make this a smooth and successful transition. We look forward to your feedback if you contact the Information Center.

President Bush on August 8 signed into law the **Energy Policy Act of 2005**. The 1,724-page bill includes a vast number of energy initiatives, many of which could provide funding opportunities or offer tax incentives for Clean Cities coalitions and stakeholders. Provisions of interest to coalitions fall under Titles VII (Vehicles and Fuels) and XIII (Energy Policy Tax Incentives). For more information, check out the upcoming issue of *Clean Cities Now* (scheduled to go live at the end of September) at [www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities/ccn/](http://www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities/ccn/).

**DOE's AFDC website was referenced in the August 2005 issue of *Reader's Digest*.** In their 1000<sup>th</sup> Anniversary issue as part of a series of articles on "14 Amazing Trends That Will Change Your Life", an article titled "Engines of Change" mentioned the AFDC as a place to go for "cutting-edge developments on fuels and energy sources."

## Publications

### **Yosemite Waters Vehicle Evaluation Report: Final Results**

This report, prepared by NREL for the South Coast Air Quality Management District, shares the final results of a fleet trial evaluating the use of Fischer-Tropsch gas-to-liquid fuel. Pages 1-5 contain a nice executive summary and outline of the project.

[www.eere.energy.gov/afdc/pdfs/38195.pdf](http://www.eere.energy.gov/afdc/pdfs/38195.pdf)

### **Securing America: Solving Our Oil Dependence through Innovation**

The National Resources Defense Council and the Institute for the Analysis of Global Security forged a new alliance and produced this report that discusses their recommendation that Congress establish a minimum national commitment to save 2.5 million barrels of oil per day by 2015 and 10 million barrels per day by 2005. The report is 46 pages and contains numerous charts and graphs for reference. Published in February 2005.

[www.nrdc.org/air/transportation/oilsecurity/plan.pdf](http://www.nrdc.org/air/transportation/oilsecurity/plan.pdf)

### **Energy Security and Climate Change: Investing in the Clean Car Revolution**

A collaborative effort between Merrill Lynch and the World Research Institute, the report presents an explanation of the market forces and regulatory environment driving the trend toward cleaner cars. Copies are for sale through the WRI website at

[pubs.wri.org/pubs\\_description.cfm?PubID=4117](http://pubs.wri.org/pubs_description.cfm?PubID=4117)

## Websites

The **Clean Cities website** recently added information on **Beyond a Billion** at

[www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities/beyond.html](http://www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities/beyond.html). Created to celebrate the displacement of more than 1 billion gallons of petroleum by Clean Cities' 88 coalitions, the site shares information about upcoming Beyond a Billion celebrations. Events will be hosted by many coalitions across the country on October 14. Check out the site for information on participating coalitions, media kits, and graphics and logos.

The **American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy** recently produced a **table of estimated tax credits** that would be awarded to owners of vehicles on the market today or coming soon. The table estimates are based on tax credits provided in the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Please note: these are estimates from ACEEE based on their interpretation of the language in the Energy Bill. A vehicle must receive certification from the IRS before it is eligible for this credit, and therefore consumers should not purchase vehicles based on the information provided in this table. Check it out at [www.aceee.org/transportation/hybtaxcred.htm#table](http://www.aceee.org/transportation/hybtaxcred.htm#table).

Read the updated success story, **Portland Airport Shuttles Go All Natural**, at

[www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities/progs/new\\_success\\_ddown.cgi?159](http://www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities/progs/new_success_ddown.cgi?159). The story is about Portland International Airport's purchase of six new CNG buses, bringing its fleet of CNG buses to 12. The fleet also includes CNG cars, vans, and pick-up trucks, as well as HEVs. The airport is also featured in the upcoming issue of *Clean Cities Now*. Remember that success stories and success story updates can be submitted anytime at [www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities/submit\\_story.html](http://www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities/submit_story.html).

The **Hybrid Electric Vehicle Fleet Cost and Benefits Calculator Tool** continues to be a valuable addition to the Clean Cities website. The tool, developed to help fleet purchasers assess potential savings from purchasing HEVs, has gotten extensive media coverage and has greatly increased traffic to the Clean Cities website. If you haven't tried this innovative tool, you are missing out! Check it out at [www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities/hev/cost\\_calc.html](http://www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities/hev/cost_calc.html).